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SUBJECT: JAMIESON'S INVITATION TO SECRETARY RE CANADIAN
HOCKEY FINALS

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON, DURING TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SUGGESTED SOMEWHAT CASUALLY TO SECRETARY VANCE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MEET AGAIN SOON AND THAT PLEASANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SECRETARY TO COME TO CANADA WOULD BE DURING STANLEY CUP FINALS (FOR PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA). WITHOUT ADDRESSING MANY FACTORS BEARING ON SUCH VISIT BY SECRETARY, EMBASSY THOUGHT DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO HAVE FOR BACKGROUND FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT TIMING AND VENUE OF STANLEY CUP FINALS.

2. IF NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS PROCEED ACCORDING TO PAST FORM, WE WOULD EXPECT SOME OF GAMES OF FINALS TO BE PLAYED IN MONTREAL AROUND SECOND WEEK IN MAY. IT IS POSSIBLE, THOUGH ACCORDING TO EXPERTS UNLIKELY, THAT MONTREAL TEAM (CANADIANS) WILL NOT MAKE FINALS, IN WHICH CASE TIMING AND VENUE OF JAMIESON'S INVITATION WOULD HAVE LOST THAT PARTICULAR RAISON D'ETRE. UPSETS COULD EVEN DETERMINE THAT FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PHILADELPHIA,
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LONG ISLAND OR EVEN ATLANTA (THOUGH LAST-NAMED IS ONE OF LEAST LIKELY POSSIBILITIES). TIMING IN ANY CASE WOULD REMAIN SAME. ENDERS

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